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## SECRETARY GLICKMAN TO TRAVEL TO IOWA FOR FARM FORUM

WASHINGTON, April 3, 1998--Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger will travel to Ames, Iowa on Thursday, April 9, to meet with farmers about issues affecting production agriculture. It will be the final of seven farm forums the Secretary and Deputy are conducting.

"It's been just over a year since we implemented the '96 Farm bill -- and the historic changes it brought to production agriculture. I believe this is an ideal time to meet with farmers and ranchers across the country to hear their views on how the new program is working," Glickman said.

The Farm Forum will be held at the Scheman Center, Benton Auditorium, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be a media availability immediately following the forum.

At noon, the Secretary and Deputy will tour the Center for Crops Utilization Research, Food Sciences Building, Iowa State University. The tour is open to the press

Other USDA officials scheduled to attend the forum include Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service Gus Schumacher, Under Secretary for Rural Development Jill Long Thompson, and Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Mike Dunn.

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